

# Jack Of All Parades

## Elvis Costello

When we first met, I didn't know what to do  
My old love lines were all worn out on you  
And the world walked 'round at my mouth  
They lit me up and they snuffed me out

And I was everybody's boy  
But soon that thrill just fades  
To be the love of one true heart  
Or the Jack of all parades  
You won't know who to thank  
You won't know who to blame  
It's just a part of the murdering game  
'Cause down in the fleshpots  
Where they pay you in pounds  
They're laughing like drains  
And baying like bloodhounds  
For the Jack of all parades  
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Once I knew a girl that looked so much like Judy Garland  
That people would stop and give her money  
And everybody was Frankie, Jimmy or Bobby  
Not the Jack, the Jack of all parades  
Oh the Jack, the Jack of all parades  
Oh the Jack, of all parades  
Now the way that I feel is no longer news  
You know my love and how to refuse it  
'Cause you know where the door is

And how to use it, oh you know you do  
But from my chequered past to this shattered terrace  
Where you can't keep your mind off the 'Crimes of Paris'  
And you can't keep your peace and try to forget it  
And I can't forgive you for things you haven't done yet  
Oh, I was anybody's boy  
But soon that thrill just fades  
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When we first met, I didn't know what to do  
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And the world walked 'round my mouth

I didn't mean to say it, I just blurted it out  
As you pretended not to notice  
    Or be taken aback  
And I loved you there and then  
    It's as simple as that  
    Oh, I was everybody's boy  
    But soon that thrill just fades  
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    Oh the Jack of all parades

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